



# WATERTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Mr. Musgrave

In an email dated 4-29-13, you requested the following email records.

All emails sent to or received by Chief Edward P Deveau between Sunday, April 14 and the date this request is processed that contain the following keywords:

Drone  
UAV  
Unmanned aerial vehicle  
UAS  
Unmanned aerial system  
Unmanned  
Aerial surveillance  
Thermal imaging  
FAA  
Federal Aviation Administration

Pursuant to M.G.L. c 4 s7 (26), M.G.L. c 66 s10 and 950 CMR concerning the release of documents under the Public Records Law, the department is withholding release based on the following exemptions.

**1) Exemption (f):** *investigatory materials necessarily compiled out of the public view by law enforcement or other investigatory officials the disclosure of which materials would probably so prejudice the possibility of effective law enforcement that such disclosure would not be in the public interest.*

The release and disclosure of any such records, if held by the department, could prejudice the possibility of effective law enforcement as relates to ongoing criminal investigations and could reveal confidential investigative techniques which would prejudice future law enforcement efforts. Such disclosure could also alert current and future suspects to the activities of ongoing investigative officials. Therefore, such disclosure would not be in the public interest.

**2) Exemption (d):** *inter-agency or intra-agency memoranda or letters relating to policy positions being developed by the agency.*

The release of such materials which could taint the process relating to the department's recommendations on the legal and policymaking character of the deliberative process.

Note: The department does not possess any drone, unmanned aerial vehicle or system, thermal imaging or aerial surveillance equipment or devices.

Sincerely,  
Thomas Rocca  
Captain  
Watertown Police Department